

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA**

IN THE MATTER OF VEXATIOUS
LITIGANT REQUESTS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2014-134

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 2021, which allows a presiding judge to designate a pro se litigant as a vexatious litigant and place limitations on the filing of new actions, pleadings, and motions,

IT IS ORDERED adopting the following process, effective January 1, 2015, for requests to designate a litigant as vexatious:

1. If the request to declare a litigant vexatious is specific to the case in which the request was filed, such as the litigant is repeatedly filing motions in a specific case to harass another party in the case, the judge assigned to that case shall retain the request, hold any hearing necessary, and issue a ruling on the vexatious litigant request relating to that case.
2. If the request to declare a litigant vexatious is filed in multiple cases, the motion shall be handled by the judge assigned to the case with the lowest case number. The judge shall hold any hearing necessary. If the judge believes it may be appropriate to declare the litigant vexatious for future cases, the judge may issue a minute entry which provides the facts as found by the judge and refer it to the Presiding Judge for consideration of whether to issue a vexatious litigant administrative order.
3. If the request to declare the litigant vexatious is not related to a specific case but is simply filed as a standalone request, the clerk will assign it a case number and the presiding judge will assign it to a judge for consideration. The judge shall hold any hearing necessary. If the judge believes it may be appropriate to declare the litigant vexatious for future cases, the judge may issue a minute entry which provides the facts as found by the judge and refer it to the Presiding Judge for consideration of whether to issue a vexatious litigant administrative order.
4. If a judge has a case in which he or she believes the litigant should be declared vexatious for future cases, the judge may provide notice to the litigant via minute entry of the possibility of a vexatious litigant order, provide the litigant an opportunity to respond, hold any hearing deemed necessary by the judge, then issue a minute entry which provides the facts as found by the

judge and may refer it to the Presiding Judge for consideration of whether to issue a vexatious litigant administrative order.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2014.

/s/ Norman J. Davis

Norman J. Davis
Presiding Judge

Original: Clerk of the Superior Court

Copies: Superior Court Judges and Commissioners
Hon. Michael K. Jeanes, Clerk of the Superior Court
Raymond L. Billotte, Judicial Branch Administrator